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| PSNC Newsletter |
| Wednesday 30th March 2022 |

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|  | This newsletter from PSNC is sent on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. It contains important information for those that work in the community pharmacy sector.In this update: Ongoing C-19 testing access for pharmacy staff; no change to prescription charges for April 2022; PQS: Anticoagulant audit data; submitting FP34Cs; STP for Smoking Cessation Service published.Ongoing access for pharmacy staff to C-19 testing confirmedThe Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) has confirmed that NHS staff, including patient-facing community pharmacy team members, will continue to be able to access COVID-19 Lateral Flow Device (LFD) tests to allow ongoing twice-weekly asymptomatic testing. In a letter sent to pharmacy contractors this morning, NHS England and NHS Improvement (NHSE&I) said that from 1st April 2022, patient-facing staff should continue to test twice weekly when asymptomatic and that eligible staff will be able to continue obtaining LFD tests through the Gov.uk portal. LFD tests will also continue to be available through the Gov.uk portal for NHS staff in England with COVID-19 symptoms.[**Find out more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=2fedd0b57f&e=d19e9fd41c)No change to prescription charges for April 2022DHSC has confirmed that the NHS prescription charge will **not** be uplifted on 1st April 2022. The NHS prescription charge is reviewed annually with changes usually made in April, but this year the Government has yet to conclude consideration of any future increases to prescription charges.PSNC will update community pharmacy teams as soon as any changes are agreed, including details of when they will be implemented.[**Learn more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=ebadee8b03&e=d19e9fd41c) PQS: Anticoagulant audit dataThe NHS Business Services Authority (NHSBSA) has published a spreadsheet showing which community pharmacy contractors have currently submitted their anticoagulant data as part of the requirements of the Pharmacy Quality Scheme (PQS) 2021/22. As part of the Medicines safety and optimisation domain of the PQS, contractors are required to have submitted their anticoagulant audit data for a minimum of 15 patients via the NHSBSA Manage Your Service (MYS) portal **by tomorrow (31st March 2022)**.[**Find out more**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=1ff5102f92&e=d19e9fd41c)**Upcoming services deadlines**As well as the upcoming PQS deadlines, a number of other services-related deadline are also approaching. PSNC has compiled a list of these deadlines [**here**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=e045371817&e=d19e9fd41c). All FP34C submissions must now be made through MYS The NHS Business Services Authority's (NHSBSA's) Manage Your Service (MYS) portal is now the only route available to community pharmacy contractors for all monthly FP34C submissions. Though contractors will now no longer receive the paper FP34C submission document through the post, NHSBSA will continue to post out red separators for contractors to submit relevant forms each month.[**Learn more about submitting FP34cs**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=0e15c0db4a&e=d19e9fd41c) Standard Treatment Protocol for SCS publishedThe National Centre for Smoking Cessation and Training (NCSCT) has published a bespoke Standard Treatment Programme, which has been commissioned by NHS England and NHS Improvement, for the national community pharmacy Smoking Cessation Service (SCS).[**Read more about the protocol for the SCS**](https://psnc.us7.list-manage.com/track/click?u=86d41ab7fa4c7c2c5d7210782&id=908f88b55a&e=d19e9fd41c) |  |
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